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Application Serial No. 09/685,906

### REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19-22, 24 and 25 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 19 and 24 being independent. Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, 16-17, 19-22 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious from U.S. Patent No. 6,385,644 to Devine in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,381,306 to Lawson. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As recited in independent claim 1, the present invention relates to a method for generating reports, based on information in telecommunication provisioning and inventorying databases. In the method, one of a plurality of servers on a network presents a user at a client with a page offering parameters for formulating a first report containing information regarding telephone numbers in a catalogue of numbers stored in a database corresponding to that server. The server also presents the user with a page offering parameters for formulating another report containing information regarding telephone numbers in another catalogue stored in a database corresponding to another server on the network. The user selects parameters upon which the first report is to be formulated and scheduled, and parameters upon which the second report is to be formulated and scheduled. The server interfaces with its corresponding database to retrieve information designated by the parameters upon which the first report is to be formulated and scheduled, and generates the first report in accordance with those parameters.

Claim 6 is directed to a plurality of servers for generating reports. Claim 11 is directed to computer code running on a server for generating reports. Claim 16 is directed to a

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method of a client for ordering reports. Claim 19 is directed to an apparatus operating as a server for generating a report, and claim 24 is directed to an apparatus operating as a client for ordering reports. All of these independent claims recite the salient features discussed above with respect to claim 1, namely a server on a network presenting a client with a page offering parameters for formulating a first report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to the server, and parameters for formulating another report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers stored in a database corresponding to another server on the network.

A detailed background of the problems which plagued the prior art in the field of telecommunications reports, and the manner in which the present invention solves those problems, is provided at pages 12-14 of Applicants' February 11, 2004, Amendment. Those details will not be repeated here. In summary, the prior art uses text-based software, run on separate mainframes for each of multiple catalogues of numbers, requiring that a separate report be requested from each mainframe. The present invention, in contrast, provides a client-server solution, that allows a client interacting with a single server to formulate, schedule and obtain reports regarding multiple catalogues across the country.

As the Office Action concedes, Devine does not disclose the claimed feature that "the report data is one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers." Office Action at 3 (emphasis in original). The Office Action, however, contends that

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this feature is taught by Lawson, and that the combination would have been obvious. Applicants respectfully disagree.

To begin with, and significantly, the present claims recite more more than "one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers." Instead, the claims are directed towards systems and methods for requesting reports from multiple catalogues. Claim 1, for example, recites:

a page offering parameters for formulating a first report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in a particular catalogue of telephone numbers

(emphasis added) and goes on to recite:

a page offering parameters for formulating another report containing information regarding one or more telephone numbers in another particular catalogue of telephone numbers

(emphasis added). Independent claims 6, 11, 16, 19 and 24 contain parallel language.

Lawson relates to systems and methods for monitoring service quality in a communications network. A report application is disclosed, that recalls statistics from a database and presents statistics in a reporting format configured by the user. The reports indicate the statistical performance of network providers for selected called or calling telephone numbers, or for selected services.

Table 6 of Lawson (see col. 10) provides a list of so-called aggregations that may be used to group statistics for the reports. Listed aggregations include calling numbers, called numbers, translating numbers, etc. In Lawson, Call Records Detail (CDR) data are collected by a

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server 124, and forward to a QA server 129, from which the CDR data can be accessed by a workstation 132 to select and configure reports.

As can be readily seen, however, there is absolutely no teaching or suggestion in Lawson of formulating reports that contain information regarding telephone numbers from multiple catalogues of numbers stored in databases corresponding to multiple servers. To the contrary, all information for the Lawson reports comes from the single QA server 129. And there is no mention of Catalogues in Lawson at all. Absent these important teachings, Lawson does not teach or suggest subject matter of Applicants' claims, and cannot possibly render obvious the pending claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 19 and 24 are plainly patentable over Devine, and Lawson, and any combination of those documents, and respectfully request the Examiner to remove the corresponding Section 103 rejection.

The remaining claims all depend from one of independent claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 19 and 24, and each partakes in the novelty and non-obviousness of its respective base claims. The dependent claims also recite additional patentable features of the present invention, and individual reconsideration and allowance of each is respectfully requested.

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### CONCLUSION

This Response After Final Action is believed to clearly place this application in condition for allowance. Therefore, its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and is respectfully requested, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 07-2347. If an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above is required, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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